

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Sanford Bishop announced today he has secured \$855,000 for Hydrillia control at Jim Woodruff Lock and Dam on Lake Seminole. The funding was included in the FY 2009 Energy and Water Appropriations bill approved yesterday by the House Appropriations Committee, of which Bishop is a member.

“I know how important the environmental health and well-being of Lake Seminole is to communities in Decatur and Seminole county. I am so pleased to have helped secure this funding, which will ensure the waters of the lake remain navigable, clean, and accessible,” said Bishop

Overall, the FY 2009 Energy and Water Appropriations bill allocates \$33.26 billion to the Department of Energy and related agencies. This year’s bill, more than ever before, invests in initiatives aimed to tackle the nation’s energy crisis and relieve the enormous financial burden high energy costs impose on working families. To this end, the bill includes \$2.5 billion for energy efficiency and renewable energy programs, including research and development into alternative fuels and conservation block grants to help states and local communities use energy more efficiently.

The full House of Representatives will consider the bill next month.

For a complete summary of the bill, please see the House Appropriations Committee’s website.

The following Second District project was included in the FY 2009 Energy and Water Appropriations bill, approved yesterday by the House Appropriations Committee:

- Jim Woodruff Lock and Dam, Lake Seminole (FL, GA, and AL) – To assist in controlling growth of Hydrillia - \$855,000